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Throughout the week prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to lower on mediums in all areas. The market tone was steady on the larger sizes and adjusting on the lighter weight eggs. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies range adequate to available with mediums and smalls in the longest position. Breaking stock prices were unchanged on breaking stock and unchanged to one cent higher for checks and undergrades. Demand was mostly fair to instances fairly good although tempered by the upcoming extended holiday weekend. Offerings were usually adequate for the closely balanced to adequate supplies. Schedules full-time to longer. Trade sentiment steady. Values of light type fowl were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to usually fully adequate offers. Demand was good with offerings outweighing processing schedules. Removal prices were generally steady at 0 to 10.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for medium and small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail was somewhat mixed, usually moderate to good. Food service movement was generally moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies ranged in balance to fully adequate with mediums and smalls in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices continued unchanged. Demand was mostly fair to instances fairly good although tempered by the upcoming extended holiday weekend. Offerings were usually adequate. Supplies were in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time to longer. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-69	64-66
LARGE	60-68	62-65
MEDIUM	50-56	53-55
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on the larger sizes and adjusting on the lighter weight eggs. Demand ranged moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available with the smaller sizes in the longest position and forced for sale in some areas. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Spent hens were more than sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-81	67-71
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

**COMBINED REGIONAL** May 14, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.50	64.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	56.00
MIDWEST	60.00	58.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.29	62.18	56.19

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN				
	05-25-04	05-18-04	05-27-03	
Large	43-50	38-45	40-44	
Medium	33-37	33-37	32-34	

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 24, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
		Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	14.0	6.0	11.9	9.3
	Change	0.3	1.5	1.1	-0.5	-1.4
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.1	36.5	11.8	20.5	31.6
	Change	-0.2	-3.9	-0.9	-0.2	-2.1
Large	Curr Wk	49.9	104.6	52.2	100.5	106.0
	Change	7.5	-2.7	0.6	17.7	11.5
Medium	Curr Wk	18.2	47.6	18.7	24.3	34.1
	Change	1.5	4.3	2.3	-2.1	1.5
Small	Curr Wk	7.3	10.4	2.1	4.9	13.8
	Change	1.5	1.3	-0.3	-0.9	5.7
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	22.2	9.9	11.7	5.7
	Change	-0.8	0.2	-2.1	-1.1	1.2
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.2	55.2	29.2	31.8	23.2
	Change	7.1	-4.8	5.3	2.8	0.6
Total	Curr Wk	134.9	290.5	129.9	205.6	223.7
Percent	Change	14%	-1%	5%	8%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	984.6	5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	243.5	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1228.1	3%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-MAY-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,267,025	29,858	11,925	6,696	3,009	4,145
PW	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
LY	1,165,269	29,905	9,832	5,327	2,483	4,147
% CHG PWK	-3	-2	-8	-5	-5	-5
% CHG LY	9	0	21	26	21	0
2004	23,991,253	569,095	230,282	128,135	53,553	83,011
2003	22,561,069	550,850	205,093	113,005	45,194	83,066
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	13	18	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	41.53	42.15	42.23
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	38.26	38.81	38.67

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	May 15	May 22	May 15	May 22
	Thousand			
AL	30,590	30,879	21,805	22,568
AR	31,494	32,157	*25,672	25,235
DE	3,857	3,871	*4,511	5,286
FL	1,364	1,389	1,640	1,526
GA	*32,994	33,121	*26,986	26,553
KY	*7,121	7,129	*6,074	6,205
LA	3,998	3,892	3,744	3,813
MD	8,900	8,990	*6,439	4,937
MS	19,393	19,363	16,807	16,785
NC	18,905	18,488	15,013	15,161
OK	*6,684	6,500	5,001	5,680
PA	*3,948	3,648	*2,874	2,702
SC	3,774	3,781	3,863	3,954
TX	15,463	15,274	12,769	12,876
VA	6,644	6,675	5,609	5,731
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,911	17,932	*15,647	15,814
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*213,040</b>	<b>213,089</b>	<b>*174,454</b>	<b>174,826</b>
Previous Year Total	210,125	211,168	170,953	172,110
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	102

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Jul-04 is estimated at 160.8 million head. This compares to 160.6 million head the previous week and to 160.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 145.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.22 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/20/04-05/26/04

CURRENT LDS 66.50 FUTURE LDS 76.00 TOTAL LDS 142.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	48.75	53.00	47.80	50.48	—	55.25	19.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	39.00	42.00	1.00
GNR W 4	—	34.00	32.00	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	66.25	67.50	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	62.60	63.65	59.83	61.57	58.23	60.50	37.75
GL W LG	—	59.18	52.77	56.20	62.30	59.19	36.75
GL W MD	50.00	37.50	40.80	45.00	41.25	44.50	11.50
GL W SM	34.75	36.25	34.60	36.45	—	—	4.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	49.25	47.45	41.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	44.50	3.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	33.50	—	37.25	42.00	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 22-MAY-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW LY
ATLANTA	25.3	25.2	0 22
BOSTON	3.2	3.6	-11 7
CHICAGO	56.2	62.1	-10 -6
DETROIT	27.7	25.3	9 -8
KANSAS CITY	9.3	10.9	-15 244
LOS ANGELES	101.0	91.7	10 17
NEW ORLEANS	6.4	7.2	-11 -43
NEW YORK	31.1	30.1	3 -10
ST. LOUIS	16.9	15.6	8 -17
SAN FRANCISCO	18.8	23.3	-19 -20
TOTAL	295.9	295.0	0 1
4 WK MVG AVG	293.8		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 22-MAY-04

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,802	2,567	27	2	4,398
AVG WT	16.02	37.23	23.34	53.84	28.46
LAST WEEK	1,807	2,612	34	2	4,455
SAME WK YR AGO	2,024	2,784	39	12	4,859
AVG WT	15.89	36.69	25.41	27.11	27.91
TO-DATE/2004	34,366	49,643	876	141	85,026
TO-DATE/2003	36,003	54,720	1,262	301	92,286

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 22-MAY-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	822	1	22.10	(A)	822	22.10
SATL	771	1	32.48	(A)	772	32.48
N CENT	1,993	-2	31.89	(A)	1,994	31.89
S CENT	461	-5	21.66	(A)	461	21.66
WEST	349	-5	23.82	(A)	349	23.82
U.S. TOTAL	4,396(B)	-1	28.46	2	4,398	28.46
TO-DATE						
2004	84,885(B)				141	85,026
TO-DATE						
2003	91,985(B)				301	92,286

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000; for the current year to date 876,000; for last year to date 1,262,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 22-May-04

(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837	489
AVG WT	5.20	3.31	8.10	5.61	6.80
LAST WEEK	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624	408
SAME WK YR AGO	159,049	1,624	1,463	3,087	470
AVG WT	5.01	3.45	8.26	5.73	6.85
TO-DATE/2004	3,086,458	26,267	25,538	51,805	9,183
TO-DATE/2003	3,041,064	34,140	26,709	60,849	8,504

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.8 million head or 0.5 which was 100% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-May-04

CLASS	Current Week 05/29/04(1)	Previous Week 05/22/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	162,401(2)	162,971
LT HENS	1,480	1,458
HVY HENS	1,456	1,439
TOTAL	165,337	165,868

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-May-04 is 162.3 million head compared to 143.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.7 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jun-04 the estimated available is 163.1 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO****ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 17	154.0	158.8	97%	5.26
24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
MAY 1	159.8	161.1	99%	5.30
8	159.0	161.9	98%	5.33
15	160.4	162.6	99%	5.24
22	161.8	162.3	100%	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	3124.0	3166.2	99%	
MAY 29		162.3		
JUNE 5		163.1		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 05/24/04-05/28/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	78.00-81.00	79.44	39	81.98	73
Los Angeles	82.00	82.28	65	83.10	151
New York	81.00-84.00	82.72	23	79.87	59

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
24-May-04	17-May-04	17-May-04	26-May-03	
81.77	1.27	80.50	61.33	

NUMBER OF LOADS 611

**MONTHLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
MAY	79.54	2455.00

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/****8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	67	67.00	160
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS****16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	67-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-68	67-68	67.75	80
WESTERN REGION	67-68	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 05/24/04	3,451	193,836	46,467
AM 05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG	256	10378	4708
PCT CHG	8%	6%	11%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-May-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
<b>Southeast (1)</b>	6.25-10.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.5	9.27
<b>Southeast (2)</b>	TFEWR		
<b>South Central(1)</b>	6.5-12.5 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75	9.89

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** 21-May-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

**REMOVAL COST**

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>Eastern</b>	0-12	8.5-10.5
<b>So. Central</b>	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>	0-10.5	5-6

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 22-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	219.0	2	7
E.N. CENTRAL	566.1	-3	5
W.N. CENTRAL	289.9	1	0
S. ATLANTIC	187.6	-4	-3
S. CENTRAL	63.8	-7	-4
WEST	180.9	-1	-5
TOTAL	1507.3	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

AREAS COVERED:

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI, IL,MI,OH,IN)

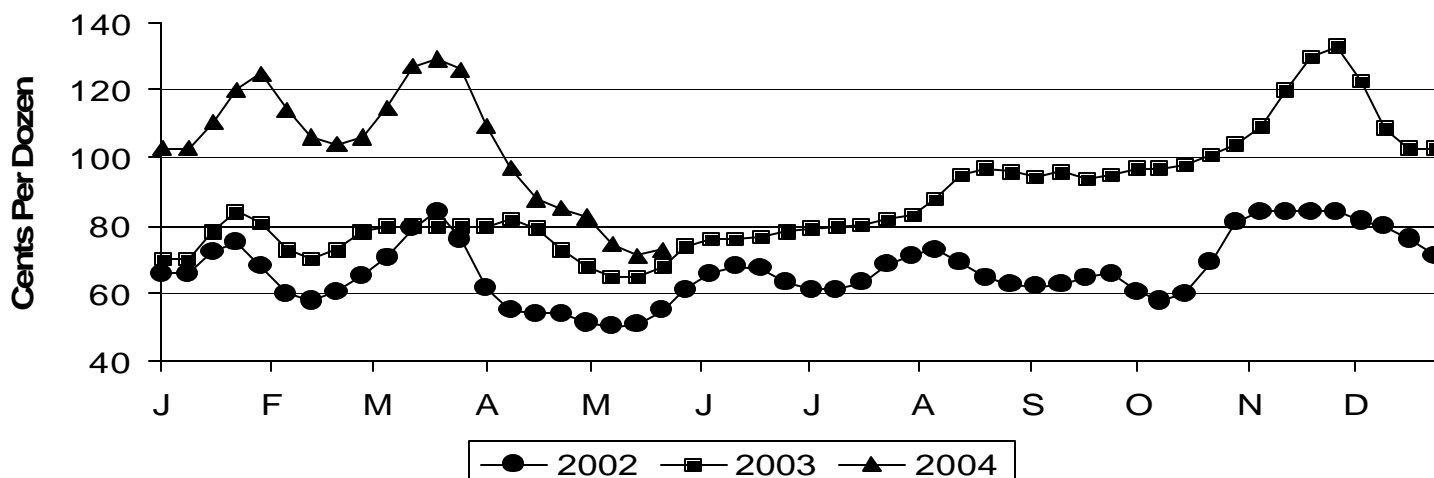
WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

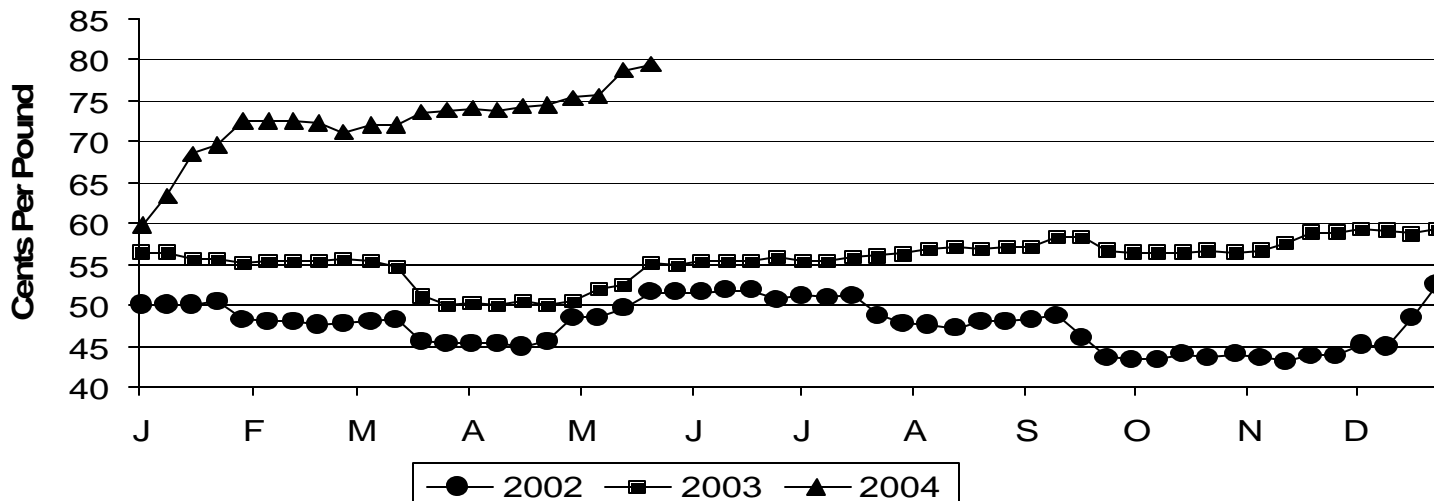
SOUTH CENTRAL (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

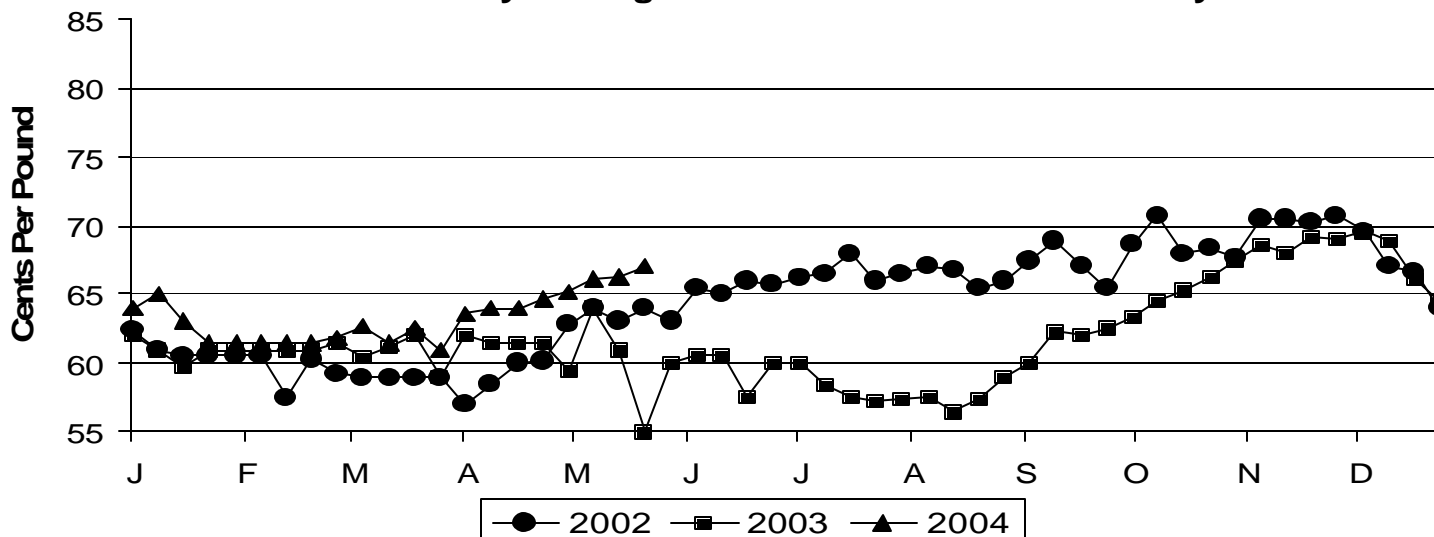
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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